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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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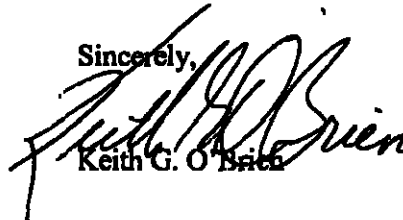
Re: STB Docket No. AB-32 Sub. No. 100
Boston And Maine Corporation And Springfield Terminal Railway
Company - Adverse Discontinuance of Operating Authority-
New England Southern Railroad Company Petition for a Waiver

Dear Secretary Williams:

New England Southern Railroad Company ("NES") has received a copy of the Petition for Waiver filed on behalf of Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Company in the above matter. NES requests that it be made a participant of record in the proceeding and has requested the undersigned to represent its interests in the matter. In that regard NES intends to file a response to the petition within the time frame established by 49 CFR 1104.13a.

It is therefore requested that the Board defer acting upon the Petition until it has received and considered NES's timely response.

Sincerely,



Keith G. O'Brien

cc: Parties of Record